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Hongkong, August 18, 1894. 333

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P. BOHM,
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Hongkong, September 28, 1894. 1564

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-First Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held in its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1893, and for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1894.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 25th September to the 8th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1894. 1527

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE is hereby given that a FIRST RETURN OF CAPITAL Amounting to \$7,50 per Share has been declared in this matter.

SHAREHOLDERS on the Register can obtain PAYMENT of this on producing their RECEIPT to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after the 20th SEPTEMBER, 1894, and on signing the Form of Receipt to be obtained at the said Bank.

Hongkong, 31st day of August, 1894.

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THEATRE ROYAL,
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TWO MORE OF THEIR
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Doors open at 8.30. Commencing at
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Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KEELY AND
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Sets may be booked on and after Saturday,
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WILLIAM BLAYNAV,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1894. 1463

Mails.

NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS

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PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd October,
1894, at Noon, the Company's
S.M. NATAL, Commandant Mr. GALL,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPURGEON,
and CARGO, will leave the Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Spuds will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till
Nov. 1st.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Spuds and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 2nd October, 1894. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 20, 1894. 1512

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.**

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Sab... Tuesday October 16.
Victoria... Tuesday November 6.

Fa... Tuesday December 11.
Sab... Tuesday Jan. 19.

THE Steamship SIKH, Captain J.
BOWLER, sailing at Noon on Tuesdays
day, the 16th October, will proceed
to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA via
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and
YOKOHAMA.

The Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and
United States Points.

Consignee Invoices of Goods for United
States Points should be in quadruplicate;
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of The Freight Agent
Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with
address marked in full by 5 p.m. on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
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Hongkong, September 27, 1894. 1551

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
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be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
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Thales, will be
despatched for the above
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Noon, and not as previously notified.

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Hongkong, September 29, 1894. 1557

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

(Loading at NAPLES for landing Passengers
of sufficient inducement offers.)

(Taking Charge of through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

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Gerda, Captain J. ENTHORN, will
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SIEMSEN & CO.,
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THEATRE ROYAL,

ALLISON'S HIGH-CLASS
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TO-NIGHT

(SATURDAY, 29th September),

GRAND SMOKER,

Assisted by Local Talent.

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MR. LANNETT, &c.

MONDAY, 1st October,

AT 9.15 P.M.

DRAWING-ROOM CONCERT.

FOR LADIES AND FAMILIES.

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

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INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS
OF THIS LOAN will be PAYABLE AT
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after the 1st October, 1894.

Lists of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained
on application to the Undersigned.

For the

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Agents Issuing the Loan,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 29, 1894. 1560

16th HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
7 PER CENT. SILVER LOAN
OF 1886. E

THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet China will
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M. Max Goebel, the Consul-General for the Belgians, died at Shanghai on the 24th inst., in his 48th year.

It is stated that the naval battle at the mouth of the Yalu River was forced on by the younger officers of the Peiyang Squadron.

The China Mutual Company's steamer *Kinsuk*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal yesterday afternoon, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 14th October.

INFORMATION was received in Shanghai on the 24th inst. of the arrival of Admiral Fremantle at Chemulpo, with nearly the whole of his squadron, coincident with the arrival of the French and Russian admirals at that port with several ships.

The Mennion, which arrived yesterday, reports having seen a vessel, supposed to be the *Normandie*, nearing Sandakan on the evening of Monday last, 24th September. As a matter of fact, however, the *Normandie* did not leave Hongkong until Saturday last, at about 3 p.m., and so could not possibly have got so far in the time stated. It would take a bigger boat to do 350 miles a day in the China Sea at this season.

NOTICES have been issued in Chinese, with the Registrar-General's stamp, offering a reward of \$500, to be paid by Mr Ho Tung, compradore of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., for the arrest of Pan Kit Nam, an absconding shroff, whose photograph is shown on the notice. He is described as 30 years old, with "square" face, yellow complexion, medium height, having a scar about an inch long on the left side of the neck; and he is a native of Nanchow, who is believed to have gone. He had been collecting money without accounting for it and when asked denied having got it. On the 24th inst. one of the sums was again applied for, at the office of Messrs Maclellan and Co., who at once proved that they had paid it on the 4th. Pan Kit Nam when asked to explain this said he thought there must be some mistake; he would go and see about it. He is still gone, and so is a sum of \$5,000.

As the Irishman would say, our morning contemporary never opens its mouth without putting his foot in it. Before he was woken by "the party of procrastination" he woke out of his usual lethargy and made a fierce onslaught on "interested parties" and had to eat humble pie next morning. After we had made several references to the delaying of the Singapore Government over the quarantine restrictions, our morning contemporary again wakened up and "went for" the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and the Hongkong Government. In both instances, his attack was unjustified, and on the following morning the Chamber of Commerce received a humble apology. Failing to profit by these lessons, our morning contemporary blossoms into large type-to-day in the following manner:—"On the 15th March last the Hon. T. H. Whitehead asked in the Legislative Council if the Government would lay on the table a copy of a Parliamentary paper said to contain full information as to the arrangements existing between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents. The reply of the Colonial Secretary was that he had written for the paper and when he received it he would lay it on the table. Six months have since elapsed, but the paper has not been presented. Surely it must have been received by this time, even making the fullest allowance for the usual red tape delay. But the Hon. T. H. Whitehead is absent, also the Colonial Secretary, and possibly the paper has been pigeon-holed and forgotten. One of the other unofficial members of Council would render a public service if he would re-open this matter. It may not be politic on our part to attempt to keep our contemporary up to date, but we are sure he will thank us if we point out that in the *Daily Press* of August 28—just a month before he comes forth with unkempt hair and munder in his eye seeking to sly some poor blundering Government official—the following appears in the report of the Legislative Council meeting held on the previous day:—

"The Acting Colonial Secretary—I have the honour to lay on the table the following papers—assessor's report on the assessment for 1894-5; report on the progress of public works during the first half of 1894; report on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps; report on the Caterpillar Plague by the Acting Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department; Postmaster-General's Report for 1893; Acting Sanitary Superintendent's Report for 1893; His Excellency's despatch with regard to the plague, and also papers with reference to the Crown Agents, which it will be remembered the hon. member who recently represented the Chamber of Commerce in this Council asked should be laid on the table."

The Italics are ours. Our contemporary may afford to be inconsistent; he may find it exciting to go forth like Don Quixote on his gallant steed to tilt at windmills, but it is doubtful if he can afford to ignore the history of the past few weeks if he is going to adopt the role of chief castigator of a long-suffering public service. As the old proverb puts it, he will have to get up a little earlier if he is to go into this particular line of "blame."

"How is the patient, doctor?"—Quoth the physician. "I shall have to give up the case!" "Dear, dear! I am sure to die, then?" "No, sure to recover; there is no hope of any more fever."

Waiting from Kiukiang on the 21st inst., a correspondent of the *China Gazette* says: "A Roman Catholic priest has just arrived from the south of the province; he reports having been attacked by pirates and his boat plundered. He at once reported the matter to the local officials, who are said to have arrested five of the culprits."

The following account of an extraordinary operation in a London hospital is given by a press agency on what is stated to be the best authority. The operation was performed at the Charing Cross Hospital by Mr. Baxian, the senior surgeon. A few months since a young man without a nose asked the authorities if they could remedy his deficiency. The attempt was made, and an articulated finger of another patient was grafted on to his face, but it was found that it failed to "take." The man, nothing daunted, then agreed to the surgeon's suggestion that one of the patient's own fingers should be cut off to furnish the nasal organ, but in order that the finger should not be wasted in the event of this operation being unsuccessful, the patient's arm was encased in plaster, and for four weeks he had to hold his "live" finger in his face in the hope of its taking root. This it did. The finger was then taken off the hand, and now remains fixed a nose. It has been manipulated, so that it is no longer to be recognized as a finger, and the process of shaping it is being proceeded with. This surely concludes the news agency, is one of the most remarkable operations on record, and speaks volumes for the skill of the surgeon and the courage of the patient.

The *China Gazette* publishes the statement of fact prepared, for presentation to the Taung-li-Yamen, by the French authorities regarding the murder of Pére Jozéau in Corea on July 29. From this statement it appears that the Rev. Father was shot by General Yeh and his men while on his way to Seoul. He and his attendant were interrogated and insulted and beaten by the soldiers in the presence of General Yeh. They were afterwards seized by half-a-dozen soldiers and bound off the ground by the ears, General Yeh and his men looking on. Whilst in this painful position Pére Jozéau was stabbed with a bayonet in the right side by one of the soldiers. The unfortunate prisoners were then thrown on the floor, and their heads were literally hacked off. Pére Jozéau was decapitated by five sword-wounds. General Yeh and his staff complimented regard the whole transaction, and when the dreadful business was over, leaving two headless bodies bleeding on the bank of the river. So great was the terror inspired by the Chinese soldiers and by the Tongbaiks of the district, with whom the Chinese were leagued, that it was two days before the native Christians of the district ventured to bury the two murdered men on the spot where they were slain.

The following paragraphs, quoted from the letter addressed by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce to the Straits Government on the 10th inst., will show the opinions entertained by the commercial community of Singapore in regard to the quarantine restrictions:—

"As far as the Committee have been able to ascertain from the means of information at their disposal, the districts from which immigrants are drawn for embarkation at Amoy and Swatow have been, throughout, free of the plague, and the Committee have not heard of a single instance of the disease having been detected in the vessels arriving from the various ports named.

The Committee do not overlook the possibility of some danger still lurking in the free access of immigrants, more especially from Hongkong, and they might yet have hesitated in urging upon the Government the relaxation of the present regulations if quarantine in Burmah and probably other Western ports, which, in a measure, looked to this Settlement for protection, had not been raised.

The Committee are moreover of opinion that any such possibility, so named, may be met by the medical inspection, which, it is understood, is or can be extended under the Chinese Immigration and Passenger Ordinances.

It is unnecessary for the Committee to point out the inconvenience and loss which has been sustained by many interests in the Colony since the placing of present restrictions upon free immigration: they may, however, add that the consequence of such restrictions is now being brought more forcibly home by the growing scarcity of Chinese labour which is being severely felt by every employer and in a marked degree by the dock and wharf companies, as well as in emigration for the Native States.

The retention of quarantine restrictions which are no longer considered necessary in ports East and West of Siam, it is feared, also earn an unenviable reputation for this port.

TYPHON NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

"On the 27th at 6.45 a.m., Black South Cone hoisted. At 10.45 a.m., Gun fired, one round. At 10.50 a.m., The typhoon, now about 250 miles South-south-east of Hongkong, appears to be moving on a course between West-north-west and North-west. A strong gale from North-east is expected in Hongkong during the next 24 hours."

Credit is certainly due to the Acting Director of the Observatory, or whoever is responsible, for the very prompt issue of an "Express" typhoon notice, circulated all over the city this morning. This is one of the most useful and practical moves yet made with respect to the typhoon question.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's Word-famed Blood Mixture, "the finest Blood Purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light." Suffices to say that the *Surry Echo* of 1883, the *London Daily News*, the *Times*, the *Standard*, the *Illustrated London News*, the *Medical Times*, and Scores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Sold everywhere at 1s. 6d. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes."

HONGKONG "OLD VOLUBLES."

A meeting of the Hongkong "Old Volubles" was held at the Peak last night, an August Personage presiding. There was a large attendance.

A letter was read from the Benevolent Fraud apologising for his absence as follows:—

"I have been for several

days very feverish, and in my delirium I ran about in all directions as if looking for something. It was a strange mania, and I suffered exceedingly. At last, however, I am thankful to say my ravaging ceased, for I found what I wanted—man who says he believes in my bona fides."

The Chairman—Don't believe it.

The Secretary announced that the subject of discussion for the evening was "What are the principal requirements to develop the art of trumpet-blowing?" He considered he had a voice in the matter.

The Doctor said the chief thing necessary

for learning to play any instrument was indulgent neighbour. He knew a place just above Bank Buildings where there was a lunatic trying to learn the violin, and he hoped he would come to a violent end.

The Scientific Crack thought a pest of this sort needed another Permanent Committee to deal with it. Cain Road was a hotbed of Pianos-plague.

The Maxim Corps said he was pleased to

see that a report on the Hongkong Pest had been sent to the Medical Conference at Buda-Pest. It was a happy inspiration—one of the very pest he had seen.

The Bank Clerk said that, talking of conferences and meetings, he wished to compliment the Hongkong people on the care they always take to see that meetings are to be held at twelve o'clock noon.

Ordinary fallible folk might simply say noon, leaving the public in awful doubt whether they meant eleven o'clock noon or 3.00 p.m. noon, or even midnight.

The careful insertion of the explanatory words showed wonderful foresight. It was equally kind when a meeting was at five o'clock to take the trouble of making it clear that 5.00 a.m. was not meant.

It saved a lot of trouble, as most men would otherwise get out of bed in the small hours of the morning.

Mr S. Crank—Talking of clocks reminds me that the thermometer yesterday and to-day registered 166 degrees Fahrenheit, in the shade. You may not believe it, but here is the observatory notice—Sept. 27, 4 p.m., 83 degrees; Sept. 28, 4 p.m., 83 again; 83 and 83 make 166. (Loud and prolonged jeers.)

The Solicitor thought this proved that something was amiss in the educational system of the Colony. He found the school copybooks full of such lines as

"More haste, less speed," and "The longest way round is the shortest way home," and "Two hours are better than one," and he thought the children ought to be given a training to suit them for business, not for the P. W. D.

The motion was then put and carried by a large majority.

It was announced that the next subject for discussion is—Whether two and two ought to make four or not, and if so why not?

TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, September 27, 1894.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS ON COREA.

The *Newspaper Review* asserts that Russia is entitled to the predominant voice in the settlement of the Corean question, inasmuch as Corea is within the Russian sphere of influence.

The *Newspaper* urges the partition of China by Russia, Great Britain and France.

SHIPWRECK.

The *Derundas*, from Brisbane to London, has been wrecked off Peniche, a town on the Coast of Portugal. The crew and passengers were saved.

LONDON, Sept. 28, 1894.

THE TROUBLE IN THE DUTCH INDIES.

Owing to the difficulties experienced by the Dutch in re-taking Mataram, and Ochra-Negara, parleying has been opened with the Balinese.

JAPANESE IN COREA.

The Tongbaiks have revolted against the Japanese.

In connection with the war in the East, says the *Shipping Gazette*, the question has been raised as to what is to be considered "treasonable" acts of arms and gunpowder under that head. It is well beyond them that the difficulty begins, dependent on it, been placed within the category. No doubt the high explosive recently discovered, such as nitro-glycerine, cordite, &c., in their manufactured state, are considered of war, but it is not clear whether the materials composing these explosives—as glycerine for instance—which in themselves are innocent enough, would be considered. We are informed by one of the principal shippers to China and Japan that iron will now be considered "contraband of war." This, of course, refers to iron in the manufactured state, as otherwise the steamer carrying it would also be contraband of war.

That the Japs are reproducing the powers of Western science on the field and the man, and we cannot but admit the object lesson, however much we may have wished that China and herself "would end" before the unequal contest had begun.

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